

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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In a preferred embodiment, a stent 50 or other tubular prosthesis or graft may be disposed within the lumen 16 of the sheath 12 proximate the distal portion 18. The stent 50 preferably is expandable between a contracted condition that facilitates its loading into the lumen 16 of the sheath 12, and an enlarged condition for engaging a wall of a blood vessel or other body lumen (not shown). In a preferred embodiment, the stent 50 is a coiled-sheet stent, such as that disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,443,500 issued to Sigwart, and/or in co-pending applications Serial Nos. 09/347,845, filed July 2, 1999, and 09/406,984, filed September 28, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. The stent 50 may be self-expanding, i.e., may be biased to assume the enlarged condition, but may be compressed and constrained in the contracted condition, for example, by the lumen 16 of the sheath 12. Alternatively, the stent 50 may be plastically deformable, i.e., may be substantially relaxed in the contracted condition, but may

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